In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

Governor Michael J. Dunleavy, Appellant,

V.

The Alaska Legislative Council, on behalf of The Alaska State Legislature,

Appellee.

Trial Court Case No. 1JU-20-00938CI

Supreme Court No. S-18003

Recusal Notice

Date of Notice: 2/24/2021

The Alaska Judicial Council has statutory responsibilities for the nomination of candidates for the office of Public Defender, and I have an interest on those responsibilities as the chairman ex-officio of the council. It appears that these responsibilities may be affected by the outcome of this appeal. And the issues raised in this case mandate serious consideration of any potential disqualifying circumstances to maintain the public's faith and confidence in the justice system. I conclude that my further participation could raise an appearance of impropriety.

I therefore RECUSE myself from further proceedings in this case. Entered by direction of Chief Justice Bolger.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

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